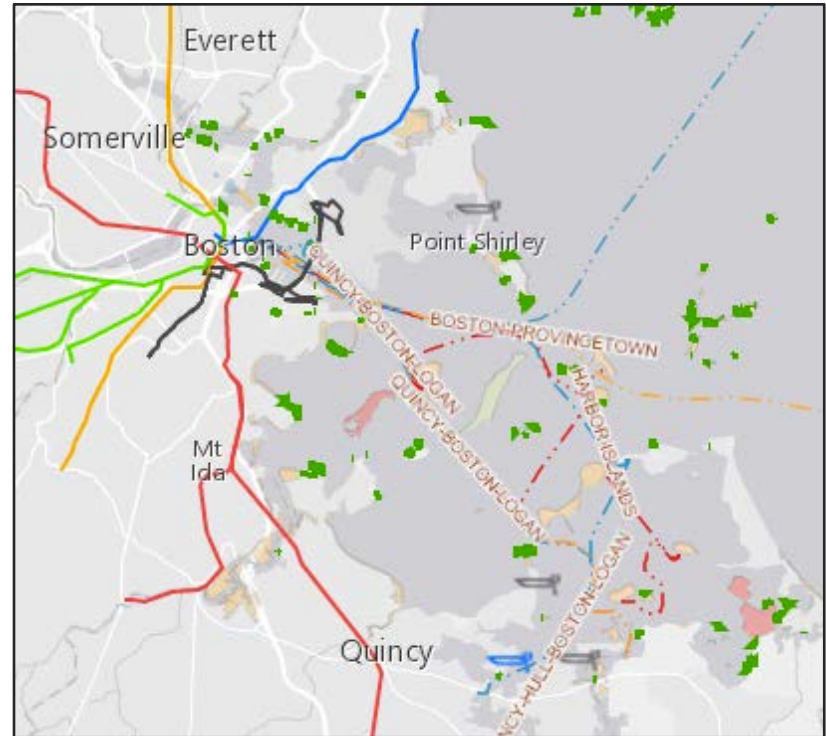


BOSTON HARBOR HABITAT ATLAS



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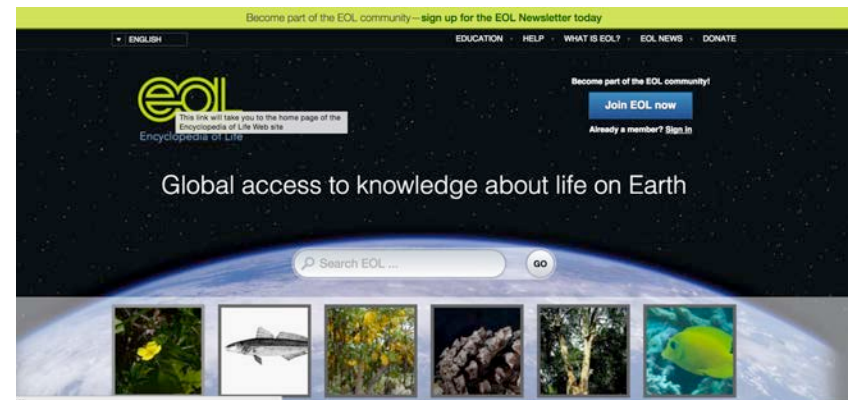
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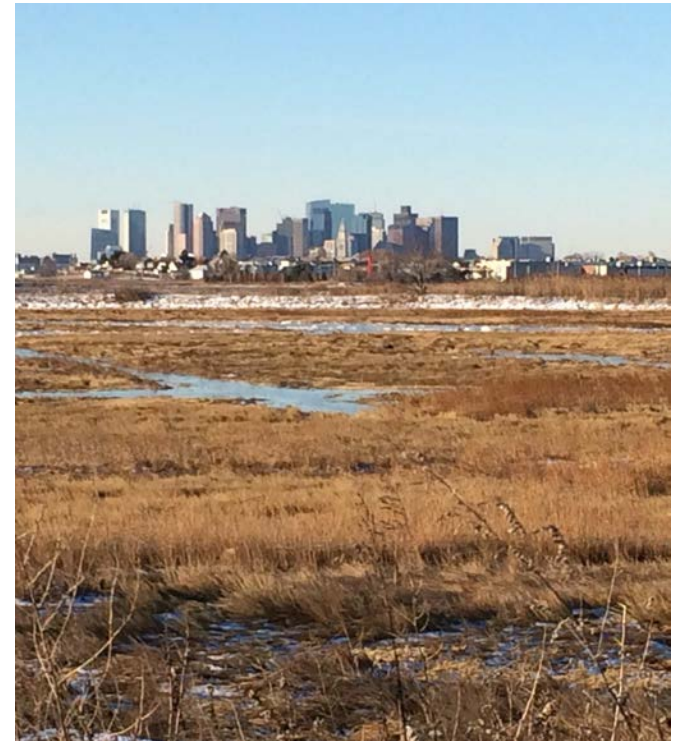
ATLAS OVERVIEW

This is a **reboot** of a previous version of the Atlas developed by MassBays

We migrated the Atlas to **EOL Places** when we serendipitously learned they were seeking new content partners to expand this platform

This is a **prototype**: We are beta-testing one habitat (rocky intertidal) before beginning work on other habitats, so it's a work in progress

The EOL Places platform will be revamped in the coming year, so we are focusing on **collecting feedback** more on its relevance as a tool for various audiences and less on “look and feel”



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WHO AND WHAT

Intended audiences

- The general public
- Educators and students

Contributors

- Facilitators citizen science/public engagement
- Resource managers
- Scientists/researchers
- Educators/science communicators

Content focus area

- Biogeography, ecology, & biodiversity
- Ecosystem services and threats
- Research, including citizen science
- Connecting people with local ecosystems



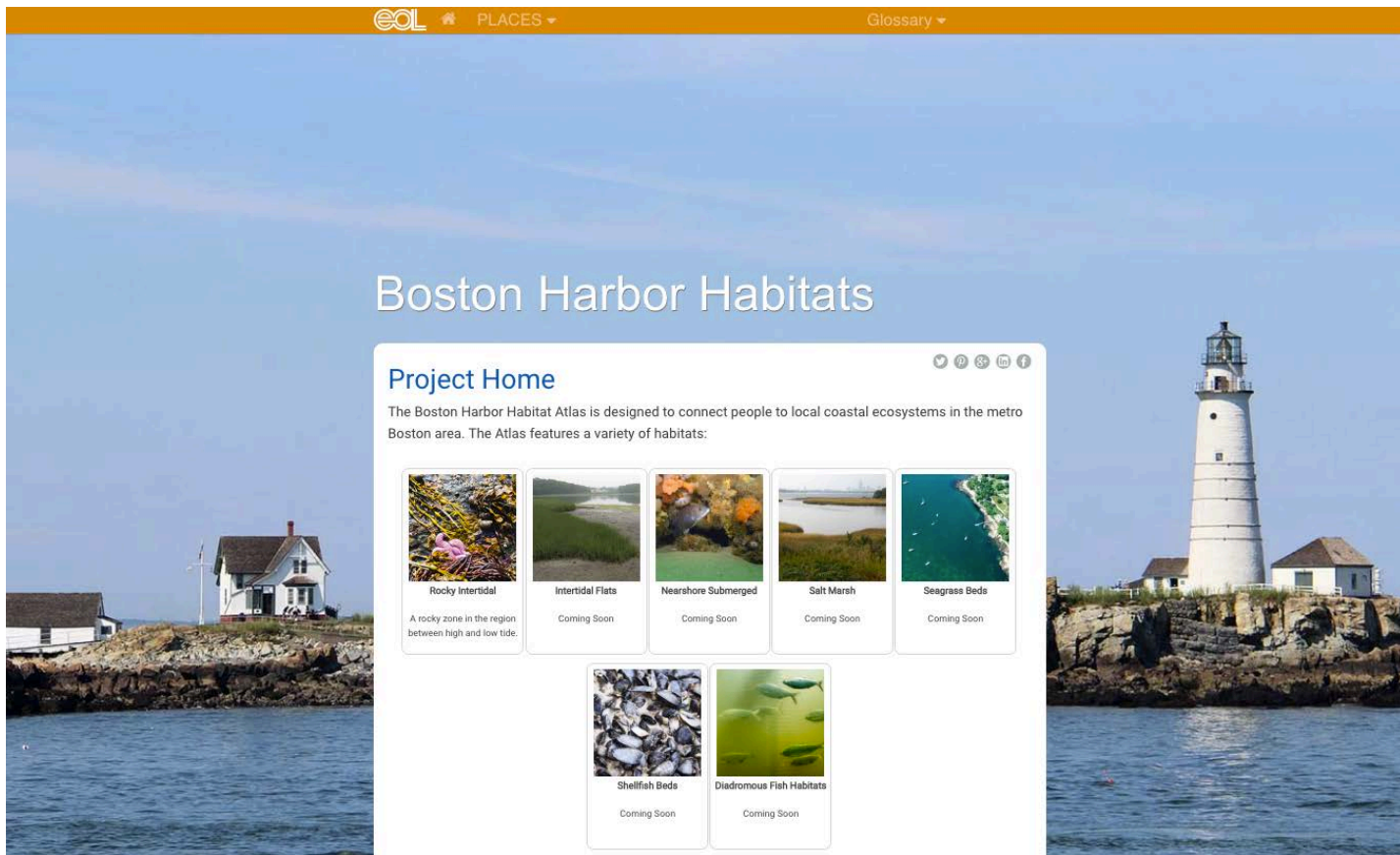
There were some elements of most of these things in the first version, but some areas have been greatly expanded upon in the new version.

*Are these the right areas to focus on?
Are these the right tools?*



LET'S WALK THROUGH IT

(Not public yet) http://education.eol.org/ecosystems/ecoproj.php?proj_id=14

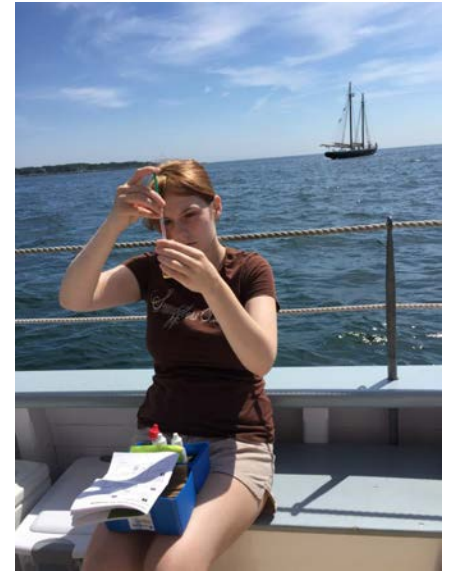


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NEXT STEPS

- Gather **feedback** today, via online form, and via small group demos with target constituents
- **Integrate** feedback into prototype
- **Pilot** with educators/students
- Continue to seek **funding** to support Atlas development
- Expand to include **additional habitats**
 - Existing: Salt marsh, seagrass beds, shellfish beds, diadromous fish passage, nearshore submerged, intertidal flats
 - Suggested additions: Fouling communities, open water, terrestrial island habitats



YOUR FEEDBACK

Who do you think will use it and how do you think will they use it?

- How do you think you might use it?
- How do you think others might use it?
- How do you think it might be most typically accessed - computer or mobile device?

Is this a relevant tool to the proposed audience(s)?

- Is information presented at the appropriate level?
- Is this the right information?
- Are these the right tools?

Are you interested in having a small group demo with colleagues?

- If so, please provide name, organization, and email address

